in the Indian Medical Register is 3,59,195.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The private medical practitioners Association has requested that they may be granted registration on the basis of their experience. The matter was considered and the Govt. does not propose to accept their demands.

Psychiatric Symptoms Caused by Certain Drugs

3215. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain drugs being marketed cause Psychiatric symptoms and adverse mental reactions ;

(b) if so, the names of those drugs;

(c) whether any precautionary note is being prescribed with the medicine to avoid these reactions ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (e) There is nothing specific about the psychaitric reactions that drugs can cause as side-effects. They are varied and over-lapping symptoms such as insomina, nightmares, drowsiness, mild depression or excitment, anxiety, mild suphoria, irritability, restlessness, etc. Large number of drugs are involved which include anti-depressants, tranquillizers, hypnotic bromide, preparations, anti-Parkinsonian drug like Levodopa and Amantidine, C.N.S. stimulants like amphetamines, CHS depressants, like barbiturates, and other hypnoticso, atropine-like compounds, digitalis, anti-TB-drugs like INH, ethionamide and cycloserine, corticosteroids and certain hypertensives, like Reserpin, Methyldopa, Propranolol, Gnethidine and Clonidine. Some of the side-effects pass off and are thus transitory in nature.

In the promotional literature including package insert of prominent brands of above categories of drugs, the possible psychiatrics symptoms as side-effects are mentioned for the benefit of doctors and consumers.

Anti-Inflammatory Drugs

3216. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-inflammatory drugs with Vitamins are being marketed in the country;

(b) if so, what is rational of this combination ;

(c) what are the brand-names of such combinations, along with names of manufacturers, being marketed in the country ;

(d) what is the indication for which each is being marketed ;

(e) what are the side, toxic and hazardous and effects of such combinations ; and

(f) the names of other countries where such combinations are being marketed?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (f) Manufacture and sale of formulations containing Vitamins with anti-inflammatory agents and tranquillizers has been prohibited by the Central Government.